

GREEN IMPACT STUDENTS' UNIONS PROGRAMME OFFERING 2021-22

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GREEN IMPACT STUDENTS' UNIONS IS...

A **framework** for union staff, officers and students to collaboratively address key issues to lead on **embedding sustainability and social justice** across campus, the curriculum, and wider society.

This supports SUs to build impactful projects and campaigns around climate justice and equality, curriculum reform, health and wellbeing and much more.

You're joining our **network**. We provide opportunities to partner with other unions, hold networking events and share good practice through resources and case studies.



STUDENTS' UNIONS GAIN ACCESS TO OUR ONLINE TOOLKIT



Our online toolkit software breaks down sustainability into areas of influence with direct and manageable actions, providing guidance and additional resources for actions. Unions can use it to plan their projects and campaigns, record their progress and upload evidence - developing awareness of their own potential to drive further change.




UNIONS RECEIVE A RANGE OF SUPPORT

- **Resource bank** - We have an online [resource bank](#) accessible to all GISU participants, this will house guidance documents, templates, case studies and webinar recordings. This is being refreshed each year.
- **Webinars** - We deliver webinars to welcome & introduce you to the programme, to help keep you on track and we coordinate webinars on a range of themes to facilitate idea sharing and inspire action. [More info on page 7.](#)
- **Peer to Peer** - We have a great network of sustainability contacts, help partner SUs and support or facilitate online forum calls. There are various online platforms to join in discussions, share ideas or ask questions.
- **Phone calls, mid-way** - Early in 2022 will offer calls for all participating SUs to check-in with your progress, offer support and to gather your feedback.

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- **Email** - we run a monthly SOS-UK newsletter, housing updates for SUs, as well as other sustainability articles, [sign up for our newsletter here](#). We will send specific updates on GISU to all SU contacts listed in the sign-up form.
- **Ad hoc support** - if you have queries at any point throughout the year, or would like to suggest an idea for a future webinar, case study or news piece, please get in touch [by emailing us](#). We often share examples of best practice with SUs when they get in contact with questions.
- **Training and networking** - if you'd like more tailored on-site or remote training, you can request to purchase this when signing up for GISU or get in contact with us. We will host a joint skills and networking day on 2nd December 2021 for our GISU contacts at an additional cost.
- **Learning and development opportunities** - SUs participating in GISU will receive a 10% reduction in price to [SOS-UK's Learning Academy offerings](#). Offerings particularly relevant for SUs include the Officer Sustainability Bootcamp, Course reps & sustainability, campaign planning.

“Green Impact is an enabler for success which is in our strategy developed from student feedback.”

SUs ARE INVITED TO UNION-LED WEBINARS



All participating unions in GISU will be invited to a **series of webinars** over the year and have access to recordings of previous webinars.

For each webinar we will be inviting 2-3 students' unions to **showcase** what journey they have taken on a specific topic. This will be followed by a Q&A and discussion for others SUs to share best practice and learn more.

Last year's webinars included:

- Student reps and curriculum change
- Food growing on campus
- Carbon targets

GISU participants are also invited to our [national GI webinar series](#).

KEY DATES

- Launch: 30th August 2021
- Intro to GISU welcome webinar: 14th October 2021, 11am
- Annual sustainability survey: 25th October - 14th November 2021
- Student Sustainability Summit: TBC
- GISU contacts virtual skills & networking day: 2nd December 2021, 10am-4pm
- GISU midway 'check-in' calls: w/c 7th February 2022
- National SDG teach in: 21st - 27th February 2022
- Progress and action planning webinar: 2nd March 2022, 11am
- Submission deadline: Tuesday 3rd May 2022, 5pm
- Audits: June 2022
- Awards confirmed: July 2022

STUDENTS' UNIONS TELL US THAT GREEN IMPACT PROVIDES STRUCTURE FOR THEIR SUSTAINABILITY WORK



- The framework helps to embed sustainability into **strategic plans** and other **annual plans**.
- Helps to **demonstrate, monitor and evaluate** success and sustainability progress.
- Provides an opportunity to **self-reflect and review**.
- Encourages **collaboration** with other SUs.
- Showcases what the SU is doing and gain **accreditation & recognition**.
- Useful way to **communicate to students** what the SU is doing.
- **National benchmark** - other SUs are taking part.
- To hold the SU **accountable** for actions of day-to-day activities.
- Helps those involved realise **what they can do** to improve sustainability in their SU.

COST

GISU GENERAL SIGN UP:

1 year - £250

2 years - £485

OPTIONAL PROGRAMME ELEMENTS:

GISU staff and officer training and networking day, 2nd Dec - £100 per person (£90 early-bird)

Additional year-round support and guidance (including planning sessions, phone calls & resources) - £150

Bespoke training for your SU - from £360

GISU slate award - £25

*Costs displayed exclude VAT which will be added on

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